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in accordance with FAR 48 CFR subpart 42.15 and internal Agency procedures, although they may be used by USAID personnel or their authorized representatives when evaluating the contractor's performance. Furthermore, the policies, procedures, and limitations of this section do not apply to technical reports, studies, papers, etc., the acquisition of which may be part of or even the sole purpose of the contract.

742.1170-3 Policy.

- (a) The contractor is responsible for timely contract performance. Performance monitoring by USAID does not obviate this responsibility.
- (b) The requiring office, particularly the cognizant technical officer and the contracting officer, will determine how to monitor the contractor's performance to protect the Government's interests, by considering:
- (1) The contract requirements for reporting progress;
- (2) The contract performance schedule;
- (3) The contractor's implementation plan or workplan;
- (4) The contractor's history of contract performance;
- (5) The contractor's experience with the services or supplies being provided under the contract;
- (6) The contractor's financial capability;
- (7) Any other factors the requiring office, particularly the cognizant technical officer and the contracting officer, considers appropriate and necessary to adequately monitor contractor performance (for example, the day-to-day working proximity of the cognizant technical officer or contracting officer to the contractor's place of performance).
- (c) In monitoring contractor performance, the requiring office (particularly the cognizant technical officer and contracting officer) must utilize any of the contractor's existing systems or processes for monitoring progress, provided that doing so is not contrary to the terms of the contract. The requiring officer or cognizant technical officer must not require anything from the contractor that is outside the scope or terms of the contract or may

result in claims of waivers, of changes, or of other contract modifications. Further, progress reports shall not require information already available from other sources.

742.1170-4 Progress reporting requirements and contract clause.

- (a) When the requiring office needs information on contract performance status on a regular basis, the contracting officer may require the contractor to submit periodic progress reports, tailored to address specific contract requirements but limited to only that information essential to USAID's needs in monitoring the contractor's progress.
- (b) Because the cognizant technical officer is the individual most familiar with the contractor's performance, the contractor must submit the progress reports directly to the cognizant technical officer. The cognizant technical officer must review the reports and advise the contracting officer, in writing. of any recommended action, including any action needed to address potential or actual delays in performance. The cognizant technical officer must so advise the contracting officer in suffi-cient time, typically thirty days, for him or her to take any action that the contracting officer determines is appropriate. The requirements of this paragraph do not relieve the contractor of notification requirements identified elsewhere in the contract.
- (c) The contracting officer must insert the clause at 752.242-70, Periodic Progress Reports, in solicitations and contracts that require progress reporting, as specified in this section. The contracting officer must include specific reporting instructions in the Schedule.

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742.1502 Policy.

(a) USAID contracting officers shall report contractor performance information at least annually, employing